

REMARKS

All of the original claims were rejected in the above-identified Office Action as being anticipated by the cited Kido patent. In response, however, the claims have all been amended so that they are now presented in a form which is believed to be patentability distinct over that patent.

In particular, Applicant's independent Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended to require one-side transmission or both-side transmission during image reading wherein a partner side is notified according to whether data from a one-sided original or a both-sided original is transmitted, and image data is transmitted according to a protocol for the notified transmission.

On the other hand, as disclosed in the facsimile device of the Kido patent a both-sided original is read for each side and image data as read is stored in a respective memory. As for a one-sided original, the side on which data exists is discriminated and data on the discriminated side is stored in a memory. However, in each case, data read out from the memories is transmitted using a one-side transmission protocol. That is, in Kido, a both-side transmission protocol is not used anywhere. Accordingly, Kido does not disclose the above-characterized features of the claimed invention wherein one-side transmission or both-side transmission is notified to a partner station according to whether a one sided original or a both-sided original is being read, and image data is transmitted according to a protocol for the notified transmission.

Also, as claimed by Applicant, it is contemplated that data received according to the both-side transmission protocol is recorded on both sides of a respective recording sheet and data received according to the one-side transmission protocol is

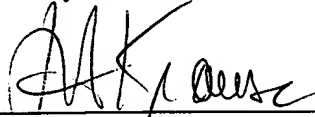
recorded on one side of a respective recording sheet. In the present invention, the both-side transmission protocol is used for a both-sided original and the one-side transmission protocol is used for one sided original, so that in the receiver side, both-side recording is executed for the both-sided original and the one-side recording is executed for the one sided original, whereby the recording sheets having the same contents as those of the originals on the transmitter side are produced in the receiver side.

In the Kido patent, however, both-side recording or one-side recording is selected by a user's manipulation on the receiver side. But, since only one-side transmission protocol is available whether a one-sided original or a both-sided original is transmitted, only one of the one-side recording and the both-side recording is always used according to the user's selection.

For these various reasons it is believed that the claims as now presented are allowable, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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